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SUBJECT: AMBASSADORIAL FEATURE FILM SCREENINGS

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1) SEVERAL OF THE EMBASSIES CIRCULARIZED RECENTLY HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SHOWING FOR PRESTIGIOUS INVITATIONAL AUDIENCES THE 1977 ACADEMY AWARD WINNING FILM ROCKY. WHEN DISCUSSING THIS POSSIBILITY WITH THE FILM'S DISTRIBUTOR, UNITED ARTISTS, IMV/C WAS ADVISED THEY WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO MAKE A 35MM PRINT AVAILABLE FOR SUCH SHOWINGS UNTIL THEY WERE "...WELL INTO ITS WESTERN EUROPEAN RELEASE." THIS IS EXPECTED TO BE AT LEAST JULY OR AUGUST, AT WHICH TIME EFFORTS WILL AGAIN BE MADE TO SECURE THE FILM, IF THERE IS STILL INTEREST IN ITS USE FOR INVITATIONAL SCREENINGS.

2) ONE OF THE CIRCULARIZED EMBASSIES HAS SUGGESTED AS ALTERNATIVES TO ROCKY TWO OTHER ACADEMY AWARD WINNERS, NETWORK AND A STAR IS BORN. THE FORMER FILM IS AN ALMOST CYNICAL LOOK AT
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EXECUTIVE SUITE MACHINATIONS AND ATTITUDES IN A FICTIONAL MAJOR AMERICAN TV NETWORK. THE LATTER FILM IS DOUBTLESS KNOWN TO ALL THE EMBASSIES. ADDITIONAL EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN THESE TWO FILMS FROM OTHER EMBASSIES WOULD BE HELPFUL.

3) AGENCY OFFICERS EXPECT SHORTLY TO SCREEN A NEW BOX OFFICE SMASH RELEASED WITHIN THE PAST TEN DAYS, STAR WARS (20TH CENTURY-FOX),

CHARACTERIZED BY FILM CRITIC GARY ARNOLD (WASHINGTON POST) AS
"GEORGE LUCAS DELIGHTFUL SCIENCE-FICTION ADVENTURE FANTASY...A
SPECTACULAR INTERGALACTIC JOYRIDE." IF THIS LOOKS PROMISING
FOR EASTERN EUROPEAN PROGRAMMING, COPIES OF REVIEWS WILL BE
SENT PROMPTLY TO ALL OF THE EMBASSIES CIRCULARIZED FOR YOUR
EVALUATION AND COMMENT. OTHERWISE, CURRENT RELEQSES HAVE NOT
EEN SPECIALLY APPEALING.

4) IMV/C UNDERSTANDS THAT 16MM PRINTS OF FAIRLY RECENT RELEASES
OF AMERICAN FEATURE FILMS MAY ALSO BE AVAILABLE THROUGH RRU
LONDON, BUT INFORMATION RELATIVE TO PRECISE CONDITIONS OF
AVAILABILITY, AND PRINT RENTAL COSTS, WILL HAVE TO BE OBTAINED
FROM LONDON.

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